



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:	)	
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Gary MERCER <u>et al.</u>	)	Examiner            Not yet assigned
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Application Number: 10/730,066	)	Group Art Unit    1761
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Filed: December 9, 2003	)	<b>Confirmation No.    2940</b>
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For: FRYERS WHICH DEACTIVATE	)	
BEFORE A LEVEL OF A COOKING	)	
MEDIUM FALLS BELOW A	)	
MINIMUM LEVEL, AND METHODS	)	
OF DEACTIVATING SUCH FRYERS	)	

REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2006, in the above-captioned patent application to allow Applicant to file a Notice of Appeal. Applicant is enclosing a check including the amount of \$120 to cover the requisite large entity fee for a one-month extension of time to respond. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those determined by the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision in the Office Action mailed August 18, 2006, wherein the Examiner rejects or objects to the pending claims. Applicants are enclosing a check including the amount of \$250 to cover the requisite large entity fee for filing a Notice of Appeal. Nevertheless, in the case of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and the fees determined by the PTO, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

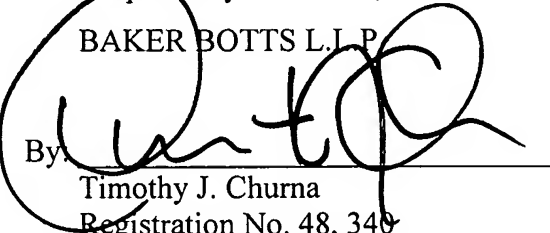
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that an interview with Applicants' representatives, either in person or by telephone, would expedite prosecution of this application, we would welcome such an opportunity.

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